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Letter dated 17 February 2015 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit a letter dated 7 January 2015, which I received from Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, President of the Federal Republic of Somalia, in connection with paragraph 15 of Security Council resolution 2182 (2014).

In the same paragraph I am asked to notify all Member States about the notification from the Federal Government of Somalia. I would, therefore, be grateful if the enclosed letter could be shared with the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council (see annex).

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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Annex

The Federal Government of Somalia would once again like to convey its sincere gratitude to those Member States, regional and international organizations that are assisting us in combating Al Shabaab. The supply of weapons and ammunition to Al Shabaab presents not only a threat to the security and stability of Somalia, but also a threat to the broader Horn of Africa region. Additionally, the export of charcoal from Somalia is one of the key financing mechanisms for Al Shabaab.

In that regard, on behalf of the Federal Government of Somali, I have the honour to notify you that, pursuant to paragraph 15 of Security Council resolution 2182 (2014), we are satisfied for selected Member States who are member nations of the Combined Maritime Forces[1] to inspect in Somali territorial waters and on the high seas off the coast of Somalia, extending to and including the Arabian sea and Persian Gulf, vessels bound to or from Somalia which they have reasonable grounds to believe are:

(a) Carrying charcoal from Somalia in violation of the charcoal ban;

(b) Carrying weapons or military equipment to Somalia, directly or indirectly, in violation of the arms embargo on Somalia;

(c) Carrying weapons or military equipment to individuals or entities designated by the Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009).

I would appreciate if you could bring the contents of the present letter to the attention of the Member States.

(*Signed*) Hassan Sheikh **Mohamud**
President of Somalia

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[1] Member nations of the Combined Maritime Forces include: Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the United States.